GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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WITHDRAWAL OF SELLING RIGHTS OF A.H. WHEELER & CO.
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed reasons for withdrawing the sole selling rights of A.H. Wheeler & Co. for conducting businesson those passenger platforms which were constructed/added on or after January 1, 1976;

(b) whether any contract of bookstall was allotted to A.H. Wheeler and Co. during 1976 to December 2001 on new passenger platforms which were constructed after January 1, 1976 at stations on Indian Railways; and

(c) if so, the details of stations thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (c) As per existing policy bookstalls at passenger platforms constructed on or after 01.01.1976 are to be allotted to unemployed graduates and other eligible categories. However, after 01.01.1976 the number of bookstalls in favour of M/s A.H. Wheeler& Company are frozen and changes within this limit is allowed provided they make a matching surrender of an existing stall at other station as per extant policy and railways operational needs.